

<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No.	050313-1130
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	Title	FLEXIBLE TAP APPARATUS AND METHOD OF USE
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1001	770	2001	385	Utility Filing Fee	385.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design Filing Fee	
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	655	Petition to revive-unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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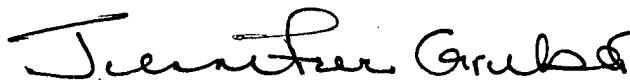
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11 Pages of Specification  
6 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-13)  
1 Page of Abstract  
7 Pages of Informal Drawings (Fig(s). 1-8)  
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